

Maryland

Occupational Health and Safety

Tracking occupational health indicators allows Maryland to increase consistency and availability of occupational disease and injury surveillance data

In 2011, Maryland added **Indicator 20:**
Hospitalizations for Work-Related Low Back Disorders

15-20% of Americans report back pain¹

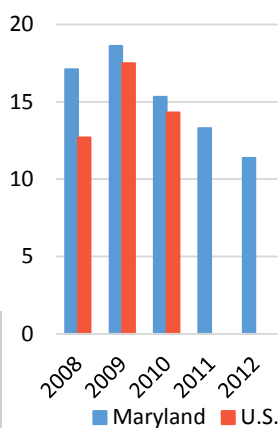
100 million U.S. workdays are lost annually to low back disorders¹

2/3 of all U.S. low back pain cases are attributable to occupational activities¹



In 2012, **330** Maryland workers were hospitalized for low back disorders and **94** had surgery for low back disorders.

Work-Related Low back Disorder Crude Rate per 100,000 Workers – **Indicator 20.2**



In 2012, Maryland added **Indicator 22:**
Hospitalizations for Work-Related Severe Traumatic Injury

Acute work-related trauma is a leading cause of death and disability among U.S. workers.¹

In 2012, there were **253** work-related severe traumatic injury hospitalizations in Maryland, at a rate of **8.7** per 100,000 workers.

1. www.cste.org/general/custom.asp?page=OHIndicators

For more information see Occupational Health Indicators #20 and 22 at:
<http://phpa.dhmm.maryland.gov/OEHFP/EH/SitePages/occupational-safety-and-health-in-maryland.aspx>